ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL TOURING TEAMS TO AUSTRALIA

(including international teams playing in competitions)

RESULTS

2020 - 2022

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Full Internationals shown as **BOLD**

2020						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
11-Feb	Melbourne	Melbourne Victory	Chiangrai United	1-0		AFC Champions League, Group Stage, East Region, Group E
4-Mar	Sydney	Sydney FC	Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors	2-2		AFC Champions League, Group Stage, East Region, Group H

2022						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
8-Mar	Sydney	Sydney FC	Kaya-Iloilo	5-0		AFC Champions League, Preliminary Round, East Region
25-May	Sydney	A-League All Stars	FC Barcelona	2-3		
14-Jul	Gold Coast	Brisbane Roar	Leeds United	1-2		Queensland Champions Cup
15-Jul	Melbourne	Melbourne Victory	Manchester United	1-4		
17-Jul	Brisbane	Leeds United	Aston Villa	0-1		Queensland Champions Cup
19-Jul	Melbourne	Manchester United	Crystal Palace	3-1		
20-Jul	Townsville	Brisbane Roar	Aston Villa	0-1		Queensland Champions Cup
22-Jul	Perth	Crystal Palace	Leeds United	1-1		
23-Jul	Perth	Manchester United	Aston Villa	2-2		
17-Nov	Sydney	Sydney FC	Celtic	2-1		Sydney Super Cup
20-Nov	Sydney	Everton	Celtic	0-0	Everton won 4-2 penalties	Sydney Super Cup
23-Nov	Sydney	Western Sydney Wanderers	Everton	1-5		Sydney Super Cup

2020

International matches scheduled for 2020 were cancelled because of the Covid-19 virus.

The 2020 AFC Champions League was contested in a modified form due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.
Football Federation Australia informed the AFC that Australia could no longer host matches against Chinese teams.
The AFC decided to postpone all matches, after 4th March 2020, involving Chinese clubs except for Chiangrai United versus Beijing FC.
In the group stage, each group was due to play on a double round-robin basis before the competition was suspended.
After the restart the competition was moved to centralised venues.

2020 AFC Champions League, Group Stage, East Region, Group E

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
11th. February 2020, 19.35	AAMI Park, Melbourne, Victoria			4156

Melbourne Victory..1 v. Chiangrai United (Thailand)..0

half time, Melbourne Victory..1 v. Chiangrai United..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
20	GK	Lawrence Thomas					22	GK	Apirak Worawong				
21	DF	Adama Traoré		58			5	DF	Brinner dos Santos Souza				
4	DF	James Donachie		53			3	DF	Tanasak Srisai				
15	DF	Giancarlo Gallifuoco		35			30	DF	Suriya Singmui				
2	DF	Storm Roux				61	33	DF	Sarawut Inpaen				
18	MF	Migjen Basha		15			13	DF	Chotipat Poomkaew				75
24	MF	Anthony Lesiotis				59	8	MF	Lee Yong-Rae				67
25	MF	Brandon Lauton		75			6	MF	Phitiwat Sukjitthammakul				
11	FW	Nils Ola Toivonen	25(pk)				10	MF	Sivakorn Tiatrakul				
9	FW	Andrew Nabbout				72	9	FW	Rosimar "Bill" Amâncio		49		
17	FW	Elvis Kamsoba					26	MF	Chaiyawat Buran				53
SUBSTITUTES													
26	MF	Jay Barnett				59	11	FW	Mailson de Farías				53
19	DF	Benjamin Carrigan				61	4	MF	Phitiwat Phanitchakun				67
23	FW	Marco Rojas				72	18	FW	Thirayu Banhan			89	75
7	FW	Kenjok Athiu					27	MF	Gionata Verzura				
16	MF	Joshua Hope					16	FW	Akarawin Sawasdee				
13	MF	Birkan Kirdar					1	GK	Saranon Anuin				
30	GK	Matthew Sutton					36	DF	Shinnaphat Leeaoh				

Team Coach	Carlos Pérez Salvachúa	Team Coaches	Alongkom Thongaum, Seksan Siripong, and Masami Taki
Team Manager		Team Manager	
Referee	Turki Al Khudair (Saudi Arabia)		
Assistant Referee 1	Mohammed Al Abakry (Saudi Arabia)		
Assistant Referee 2	Khalaf Al Shamari (Saudi Arabia)		

match report from EPSN
Melbourne Victory started their AFC Champions League campaign with a 1-0 win over Chiangrai United at AAMI Park.
Victory got the winner through an Ola Toivonen penalty in the 25th minute but largely delivered an uninspiring performance against the Thai outfit in front of 4,156 fans.
Carlos Salvachua handed recruit Giancarlo Gallifuoco his first start, though Marco Rojas was named on the bench.
Victory looked lethargic and sloppy at times in the first half, with Chiangrai's pressure creating several good opportunities -- though none seriously challenged goalkeeper Lawrence Thomas.
Victory almost snatched the lead when Toivonen forced a superb diving save from Chiangrai keeper Apirak Worawong in the 22nd minute.
A minute later, Swede Toivonen was brought down by defender Tanasak Srisai, with referee Turki Mohammed Alkhudhayr immediately pointing to the spot. Worawong dived the right way but couldn't stop Toivonen's powerful spot-kick into the bottom corner.
Socceroo Andrew Nabbout missed a chance to make it 2-0 in the 31st minute. Elvis Kamsoba went on a terrific run down the right, then cut the ball back for Nabbout, who blasted his shot high and wide.
Nabbout spurned a golden opportunity in the 58th minute when he clattered a header from the edge of the six-yard box against the crossbar.
Defender Storm Roux was taken off on a stretcher in the 61st minute, while a visibly frustrated Nabbout made way for Rojas in the 72nd.
Rojas created the best chance of the second half when he weaved past two defenders and slipped a clever ball beyond a third to Kamsoba -- only for the winger to blaze it over the bar.
Chiangrai's Thirayu Banhan received a straight red card for a nasty challenge on Victory's Jay Barnett in the 89th minute.
Rojas and Toivonen combined late but the latter saw his last-ditch attempt saved, leaving the hosts to settle for a 1-0 win.

Group E results:-
18th February 2020 FC Seoul (Korea Republic)..1 v. Melbourne Victory..0 played at Seoul World Cup Stadium, Seoul, Korea Republic.
24th November 2020 Beijing FC (People's Republic of China)..3 v. Melbourne Victory..1 played at Jassim bin Hamad Stadium, Doha, Qata.
27th November 2020 Melbourne Victory..0 v. Beijing FC (People's Republic of China)..2 played at Jassim bin Hamad Stadium, Doha, Qata.
30th November 2020 Chiangrai United (Thailand)..2 v. Melbourne Victory..2 played at Jassim bin Hamad Stadium, Doha, Qata.
3rd December 2020 Melbourne Victory..2 v. FC Seoul (Korea Republic)..1 played at Jassim bin Hamad Stadium, Doha, Qata.
Melbourne City finished as runners-up in the group and progressed to the knockout stage.

Group F results:-
18th February 2020 FC Tokyo (Japan)..1 v. Perth Glory..0 played at Ajinomoto Stadium, Tokyo, Japan.
18th November 2020 Perth Glory..1 v. Shanghai Shenhua (People's Republic of China)..2 played at Education City Stadium, Doha, Qatar.
24th November 2020 Perth Glory..1 v. Ulsan Hyundai (Korea Republic)..2 played at Education City Stadium, Doha, Qatar.
27th November 2020 Ulsan Hyundai (Korea Republic)..2 v. Perth Glory..0 played at Education City Stadium, Doha, Qatar.
30th November 2020 Shanghai Shenhua (People's Republic of China)..3 v. Perth Glory..3 played at Education City Stadium, Doha, Qatar.
3rd December 2020 Perth Glory..0 v. FC Tokyo (Japan)..1 played at Education City Stadium, Doha, Qatar.

2020 AFC Champions League, Group Stage, East Region, Group H

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
4th. March 2020, 19.30	Netstrata Jubilee Oval, Carlton, Sydney, New South Wales			3255

Sydney FC..2 v. Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors (Korea Republic)..2

half time, Sydney FC..0 v. Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	Andrew Redmayne					31	GK	Song Bum-Keun				
6	DF	Ryan McGowan					25	DF	Choi Chul-Soon				
4	DF	Alexander Wilkinson					26	DF	Hong Jeong-Ho				
23	DF	Rhyan Grant					22	DF	Kim Jin-Su		31		
16	DF	Joel King		72			6	DF	Choi Bo-Kyung		42	75	
21	DF	Harry Van der Saag					13	MF	Kim Bo-Kyung				
5	MF	Alexander Baumjohann					14	MF	Lee Seung-Gi				61
26	MF	Nathan Luke Brattan	50(og)	69			17	MF	Takahiro Kunimoto				83
8	MF	Paulo Pereira Retre					57	MF	Lee Soo-Bin				
9	FW	Glenville Adam Le Fondre	77(pk)	12			9	FW	Lars Veldwijk				79
12	FW	Trent Buhagiar	56				7		Han Kyo-Won	89			
SUBSTITUTES													
17	MF	Anthony Cáceres					11	FW	Cho Gue-Sung				61
11	FW	Kosta Barbarouses					29	FW	Lee Sung-Yoon				79
24	FW	Marco Tilio					10	MF	Murilo Pereira Rocha				83
27	FW	Jordi Swibel					1	GK	Lee Bum-Young				
2	DF	Patrick Flottmann					92	DF	Kim Min-Hyeok				
20	GK	Thomas Heward-Belle					15	DF	Ku Ja-Ryong				
3	DF	Benjamin Warland					8	MF	Jung Hyuk				
Team Coach		Steve Corica					Team Coach		José Ferreira de Morais				
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Ahmed Al Kaf (Oman)											
Assistant Referee 1		Abu Bakar Al Amri (Oman)											
Assistant Referee 2		Rashid Al Ghaithi (Oman)											

match report from ESPN
Sydney FC's luck run out at the death as 10-man Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors conjured a deserved last-minute equaliser for a 2-2 draw in the AFC Champions League.
The Sky Blues seemed headed for a much-needed AFC Champions League victory after Adam Le Fondre converted a contentiously awarded second-half penalty at Jubilee Stadium on Wednesday.
The visitors finally got reward for a strong second half when Han Kyowon pushed home the rebound with just a minute remaining after Murilo's strike crashed off the post.
Le Fondre had converted a contentious second-half penalty to give Sydney FC hope of a comeback win after Trent Buhagiar's equaliser following Luke Brattan's own goal just after half time.
The match was a low-key contest throughout much of the opening half before another disappointing Asian Champions League crowd of 3,255 but it sprung to life after the interval.
Jeonbuk carved out the better of the goalscoring chances with substitute Cho Guesung and teammate Han Kyo Won's both missing golden opportunities from point-blank range.
Bratton scored an own goal in the 50th minute, but Buhagiar's equaliser came just minutes later.
Luck continued for the Sky Blues with 13 minutes remaining as a goalmouth scramble after a counter-attack resulted a penalty.
Replays suggested the ball eluded the hand of Choi Bokyung despite his smothering dive to block the ball, but the veteran defender was sent off after extended protests.
Le Fondre duly crashed home the penalty with trademark conviction.
But Joenbuk didn't give up and in the 89th minute Han netted to sink Sydney FC's hopes and share the points.
The draw is still a much-needed boost to the Sky Blues' continental campaign after their crushing 4-0 opening loss against Yokohama F. Marinos.

Group H results:-
19th February 2020 Yokohama F. Marinos (Japan)..4 v. Sydney FC..0 played at Nissan Stadium, Yokohama, Japan.
19th November 2020 Sydney FC..1 v. Shanghai SIPG (People's Republic of China)..2 played at Khalifa International Stadium, Doha, Qatar.
25th November 2020 Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors (Korea Republic)..1 v. Sydney FC..0 played at Al Janoub Stadium, Al Wakrah, Qatar.
1st December 2020 Shanghai SIPG (People's Republic of China)..0 v. Sydney FC..4 played at Al Janoub Stadium, Al Wakrah, Qatar.
4th December 2020 Sydney FC..1 v. Yokohama F. Marinos (Japan)..1 played at Al Janoub Stadium, Al Wakrah, Qatar.

Sydney FC failed to progress to the Round of 16

2021

Sydney FC and Melbourne Victory qualified for the 2021 Champions League competition. Wellington Phoenix (from New Zealand) finished the 2019-20 A-League in third place but were ineligible to represent Australia in AFC club competitions. As a result, Brisbane Roar, the regular season fourth place, qualified for the 2021 AFC Champions League as Australia's third team.

Australian teams withdrew from the competition (because of the Covid-19 virus) after the draw.

Chiangrai United, Daegu FC, and Cerezo Osaka entered the group stage instead of the qualifying play-offs and Kaya–Iloilo entered the qualifying play-offs instead of the preliminary round.

2022 AFC Champions League, Preliminary Round, East Region

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
8th. March 2022, 19.30	Netstrata Jubilee Oval, Carlton, Sydney, New South Wales			435

Sydney FC..5 v. Kaya-Iloilo (Philippines)..0

half time, Sydney FC..1 v. Kaya-Iloilo..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	Andrew Redmayne					1	GK	Zach Banzon				
4	DF	Alexander Wilkinson					19	DF	Carlyle Mitchell		90+1		
23	DF	Rhyan Grant					44	DF	Audie Bantas Menzi				
3	DF	Benjamin Warland					12	DF	Mar Azuero Diano				
5	DF	Connor Neil Kazuki O'Toole					8	MF	Jesse Garcia Curran				
6	MF	Mohammad Amini					6	MF	Oskari Orevillo Kekkonen				
8	MF	Paulo Pereira Retre				61*	22	MF	Fitch Daviz Barace Arboleda				60
22	MF	Max Burgess				61	20	MF	Daizo Horikoshi				
9	FW	Deyvison "Bobô" da Silva	47, 49			69*	9	FW	Eric Guillera Giganto				65
11	FW	Kosta Barbarouses				61**	7	FW	Jovin Hervas Bedic				81
12	FW	Trent Buhagiar	30			69	17	FW	Robert Lopez Mendy				
SUBSTITUTES													
21	DF	Harry Van der Saag				61	18	MF	Javier Ocampo Gayoso				60
32	MF	Patrick Yazbek				61*	13	FW	Jesus Gaquit Melliza				65
31	MF	Adrian Segecic				61**	21	MF	Sandro Sison Reyes				81
33	FW	Patrick Wood				69	31	GK	Nathan Lim Bata				
14	FW	Glenville "Adam" Le Fondre	71, 81			69*	27	DF	Shirmar Guanzon Felongco				
2	DF	James Donachie					5	DF	Camelo Perez Tacusalme				
25	DF	Callum Talbot					10	MF	Arnel Abuloc Amita				
20	GK	Thomas Heward-Belle											
24	MF	Corey Hollman											
36	FW	Jaiden Kucharski											
Team Coach		Steve Corica					Team Coach		Graham Harvey				
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Arumughan Rowan (India)											
Assistant Referee 1		Kennedy Sapam (India)											
Assistant Referee 2		Arun Pillai (India)											

match report from The New Daily

Sydney FC has cruised to a 5-0 win over an outclassed Kaya FC at Jubilee Stadium to reach the AFC Champions League group stage.

Four second-half goals, including doubles from Bobo and Adam Le Fondre, on Tuesday night complemented a Trent Buhagiar opener to ensure a comfortable victory for the Sky Blues.

The preliminary-round match was the first outing by an Australian side in the competition since December 2020, after COVID-19 forced A-League clubs to withdraw last year.

Despite the deluge in Sydney during the preceding 24 hours, the match was given final approval two hours before kick-off.

The pitch held up remarkably well and while the rain stayed away for periods of the match, the high winds proved the biggest challenge for the players to overcome.

With one eye on a busy A-League schedule, Sydney FC coach Steve Corica made six changes from the side that played in the derby on the weekend, with big-name imports Luciano Narsingh and Milos Ninkovic the most notable absentees.

One of those new faces, Buhagiar, broke the deadlock on the half-hour mark with a close-range finish after Kosta Barbarouses' volley was smartly blocked by goalkeeper Zach Banzon.

Sydney FC had already created a host of chances by that point and should have had a penalty when Paulo Retre was tripped, but Indian referee Rowan Arumughan inexplicably failed to point to the spot.

Buhagiar had come closest to breaking the deadlock, pinging a close-range snapshot against the crossbar in the opening minutes.

Although Sydney FC carved several openings, the varied line-up did lack cohesion at times in the first half.

The Filipinos displayed their lack of match focus at times – they have played just a handful of matches over the past year – with some poor defending leading to goals in quick succession after the interval with Bobo the player to profit.

The Brazilian swept home a loose ball within two minutes of the restart and then converted a penalty after Rhyan Grant was needlessly clipped as he burst into the box.

The contest was effectively over at that point and it became a case of how large the winning margin would be for the home side.

Substitute Le Fondre extended the advantage on 71 minutes through the second half with a routine header from a Mustafa Amini corner.

Le Fondre doubled his personal tally 10 minutes later with a trademark cool finish after Patrick Wood expertly teed up the opening.

Kaya narrowly failed to earn a consolation with a near-miss deep into injury-time being their only real opening of the contest.
Sydney FC will now face Korea's Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors, Japan's Yokohama F Marinos and Hoang Anh Gia Lai of Vietnam in Group H.

Sydney FC was scheduled to play in the Play-off Round, East Region against Changchun Yatai (People's Republic of China), but the match was cancelled after Changchun Yatai withdrew from the competition.
Sydney FC progressed to the Group stage.

Melbourne Victory was scheduled to play in the Preliminary Round, East Region against Shan United (Myanmar), but the match was cancelled after Shan United withdrew from the competition.
Melbourne Victory progressed to the Play-off Round, East Region where they played Vissel Kobe (Japan) on 15th March 2022 at Noevir Stadium Kobe, Kobe -
score:- Vissel Kobe..4 v. Melbourne Victory..3 (after extra time)

Because of Covid-19 restrictions the Group stage was played in a double round-robin format in a centalised venue. The winners of each group and three best runners-up from each region advanced to the round of 16 of the knockout stage.
Group G results:-
15th April 2022 BG Pathum United (Thailand)..1 v. Melbourne City..1 played at Pathum Thani Stadium, Pathum Thani, Thailand.
18th April 2022 Melbourne City..3 v. United City (Philippines)..0 played at Pathum Thani Stadium, Pathum Thani, Thailand.
21st April 2022 Melbourne City..2 v. Jeonnam Dragons (Korea Republic)..1 played at Pathum Thani Stadium, Pathum Thani, Thailand.
24th April 2022 Jeonnam Dragons (Korea Republic)..1 v. Melbourne City..1 played at Pathum Thani Stadium, Pathum Thani, Thailand.
27th April 2022 Melbourne City..0 v. BG Pathum United (Thailand)..0 played at Pathum Thani Stadium, Pathum Thani, Thailand.
30th April 2022 United City (Philippines)..0 v. Melbourne City..3 played at Pathum Thani Stadium, Pathum Thani, Thailand.
Melbourne City finished as runners-up in the group but failed to progress to the Round of 16

Group H results:-
16th April 2022 Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors (Korea Republic)..0 v. Sydney FC..0 played at Thống Nhất Stadium, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
19th April 2022 Sydney FC..1 v. Hoàng Anh Gia Lai (Vietnam)..1 played at Thống Nhất Stadium, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
22nd April 2022 Sydney FC..0 v. Yokohama F. Motors (Japan)..1 played at Thống Nhất Stadium, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
25th April 2022 Yokohama F. Marinos (Japan)..3 v. Sydney FC..0 played at Thống Nhất Stadium, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
28th April 2022 Sydney FC..2 v. Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors (Korea Republic)..3 played at Thống Nhất Stadium, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
1st May 2022 Hoàng Anh Gia Lai (Vietnam)..1 v. Sydney FC..0 played at Thống Nhất Stadium, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
Sydney FC failed to progress to the Round of 16

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
25th. May 2022, 20.05	Accor Stadium, Homebush Bay, Sydney, New South Wales (Stadium Australia)	Clear	11C	70174

A-League All Stars..2 v. FC Barcelona..3

half time, A-League All Stars..0 v. FC Barcelona..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	Filip Kurto				46	1	GK	Marc-André ter Stegan				46
4	DF	Adrian Mariappa				58	8	DF	Daniel Alves da Silva				
23	DF	Rhyan Grant				85	23	DF	Samuel Yves Umtiti				73
3	DF	Jason Davidson				30	4	DF	Ronald Araujo da Silva				
14	DF	Kye Rowles					31	DF	Alejandro Balde Martínez				62
26	MF	James O'Shea				79	5	MF	Sergio Busquets i Burgos				79
5	MF	Jack Rodwell				58*	34	MF	Álvaro Sanz Catalán				62*
17	MF	Anthony Cáceres				79*	30	MF	Pablo Páez Gavira "Gavi"				73*
27	MF	Reno Piscopo	47			64	17	FW	Luuk de Jong				62**
9	FW	Jason Cummings				57	11	FW	Adama Traoré Diarra	72			73**
11	FW	Daniel dos Santos Penha				58**	7	FW	Ousmane Dembélé	34			
SUBSTITUTES													
18	DF	Adama Traoré	53			30	36	GK	Arnau Tenas Ureña				46
20	GK	Andrew Redmayne				46	44	MF	Antonio Aranda Subiela				62*
36	FW	Garang Kuol				57	18	DF	Jordi Alba Ramos				62
8	MF	Isaías Sánchez Cortés "Isaías"				58*	25	FW	Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang				62**
2	DF	Scott Neville				58	41	DF	Mika Màrmol Medina				73
10	MF	Miloš Ninković				58**	10	FW	Anssumane Fati	77			73**
66	FW	Nestory Irankunda				64	21	MF	Frenkie de Jong				73*
7	FW	Olivier Boumal				79*	43	MF	Alejandro Orellana Gómez				79
19	MF	Callum Timmins				79	9	FW	Memphis Depay				
41	DF	Alexandar Popovic				85							
Team Coach		Dwight Yorke					Team Coach		Xavier Hernández Creus "Xavi"				
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Alex King											
Assistant Referee 1													
Assistant Referee 2													

match report from ABC

Barcelona manager Xavi hailed the talent of Central Coast Mariners youngster Garang Kuol following his stirring cameo against the Catalan giants.

Kuol was part of the A-Leagues All Stars coached by Dwight Yorke that went down in a spirited 3-2 defeat at Stadium Australia on Wednesday.

The 17-year-old has yet to start an A-League Men game but has already racked up four goals across nine substitute appearances.

Prior to Wednesday night his senior career minutes totalled a little over three hours and his Wikipedia page was just two short paragraphs.

But he looked every bit at home taking on the likes of Sergio Busquets and Dani Alves in front of 70,174 fans and his turn of pace troubled the Barcelona defence.

The teenager nearly put the All Stars 3-1 up when he found himself clean through on goal in the 66th minute and he also hit the woodwork in the dying stages.

Dwight told me he was 16 or 17... it was a big surprise, Xavi said.

He was very fast and we conceded two or three chances because of him.

He's a great player and he has a great future, he is a talent that is obvious.

While his rise might come too soon for Australia's World Cup qualifiers next month, Graham Arnold or his successor as Socceroos coach could do a lot worse than consider Kuol if they were on the hunt for a genuine game-changer

Yorke, who will coach against Kuol domestically next season after agreeing to take charge of Macarthur FC, was just as complimentary about his talents.

I didn't know too much about him until I saw him close up and even then I was a little bit unsure, Yorke said.

We've had very limited time together, but you can see the talent that exists. He does surprise me, he certainly did surprise Barcelona.

He should have got two goals and I'm pleased that the public get to see him because he's one for the future.

The selection of the A-League's best, who were playing their first game since 2014, gave a good account of themselves with departing Wellington winger Reno Piscopo a standout after contributing a goal and assist in the defeat.

In fairness to the All Stars, this was no second-rate Barcelona side given five of Xavi's starting XI included players who began Sunday's loss to Villarreal.

Among them were veteran Dani Alves and Sergio Busquets, who immediately flexed their muscles when Alejandro Balde forced Macarthur goalkeeper Filip Kurto into action in the first five minutes.

Brisbane's Jay O'Shea and Socceroos hopeful Jason Cummings both had chances to put the All Stars ahead but neither could finish past Marc-André ter Stegen.

Barca dominated but could not penetrate in the opening half an hour to the extent fans broke out into spontaneous renditions of the Mexican wave to keep their minds occupied.

Concentration slipped momentarily for the All Stars when Central Coast defender Kye Rowles was beaten by Busquets and within three passes Ousmane Dembélé registered the game's opening goal.

It was a similar tale two minutes after half-time, but this time it was the All Stars who were the beneficiaries.

Newcastle's Daniel Penha played a bending ball behind the back of the Barca defence for Anthony Caceres to latch onto and while his shot was saved by substitute goalkeeper Aranau Tenas, an onrushing Piscopo was able to poke

The All Stars kept their foot on the throat with a second goal coming in similar fashion six minutes later.

This time Piscopo was played in and he squared to Western Sydney's Adama Traoré to give Yorke's side an unlikely 2-1 lead.
Kuol nearly made it three when played in but misfired.
That would prove to be the downfall of Yorke's side with substitute All Stars keeper Andrew Redmayne unable to keep out Barcelona's own Adama Traoré, who drew Barca level with 20 minutes left.
The strike seemed to spark Barca into gear and they were ahead when wonderkid Ansu Fati cushioned the ball past Redmayne from close range.
Kuol hit the bar in the final minutes but the All Stars could not find the equaliser.

Queensland Champions Cup

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
14th. July 2022, 19.45	Cbus Super Stadium, Gold Coast, Queensland	Clear	10C	

Brisbane Roar..1 v. Leeds United (England)..2

half time, Brisbane Roar..1 v. Leeds United..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	Macklin Freke					13	GK	Kristoffer-August Sundquist Klaesson				
5	DF	Thomas Aldred				61*	5	DF	Robin Koch				61**
19	DF	Jack Hingert				61**	25	DF	Rasmus Nissen Kristensen				46*
16	DF	Joshua Brindell-South				70	21	DF	Pascal Struijk				
27	DF	Kai Clifton Trewin				70**	4	MF	Adam Forshaw				46****
26	MF	James O'Shea				90*	8	MF	Marc Roca Junqué				46***
6	MF	Connor Chapman				70*	22	MF	Jack Harrison				46**
7	MF	Rahmat Akbari				61	7	MF	Brenden Aaronson				46*****
13	MF	Henry Hore				62*	19	FW	Rodrigo Moreno Machado				46
23	FW	Joseph Knowles	40			90	20	FW	Daniel James	23			31
10	FW	Nikola Mileusnic				62	30	FW	Joe Gelhardt	25			61*
SUBSTITUTES													
15	MF	Jesse Daley				61	23	FW	Luis Sinisterra Lucumi				31, 61
2	DF	Scott Neville				61*	43	MF	Mateusz Klich				46
35	MF	Louis Zabala				61**	37	DF	Cody Drameh				46*
11	FW	Jez Lofthouse				62	24	DF	Leif Davis				46**
9	FW	Luke Ivanovic				62*	18	MF	Darko Boateng Gyabi				46***
4	DF	Anton Mlinaric				70	12	MF	Tyler Adams				46****, 81
14	DF	Tommy Jarrard				70*, 90**	42	FW	Sam Greenwood				46*****
8	MF	Riku Danzaki				70**	38	FW	Crysencio Summerville				61
22	MF	Ryo Matsumura				90	9	FW	Patrick Bamford				61*
21	MF	Henry Cliff				90*	14	DF	Diego Llorente Rios				61**
17	FW	Manyiel Majok				90**	63	FW	Archie Gray				81
57	GK	Lachlan Duke					55	GK	Harry Christy				
31	GK	Jacson Riley											

Team Coach	Warren Moon	Team Coach	Jesse Marsch
Team Manager		Team Manager	
Referee	Jonathon Barreiro		
Assistant Referee 1	Andrew Meimarakis		
Assistant Referee 2	Brad Wright		

match report from the Daily Mail

Dan James was the star of the show as the Leeds United star bagged a goal and assist in the Premier League club's 2-1 win over Brisbane Roar, with a pitch invader failing in his pursuit to wreak havoc on the showpiece game.

Security were quick to react as a man dressed in a black jacket and jeans hurdled the advertising hoardings and attempted to enter the field of play, tackling the pitch invader who made a 'five yard gain but no more'.

The incident did little to deter Jesse Marsch's side, who broke the Roar's resistance twice in quick succession by James and Joe Gelhardt.

The Welshman rifled a right-footed shot in low and hard into the near corner, before he drifted a ball to the backpost which was met by his United teammate to head home on the Gold Coast.

Triallist Joe Knowles pegged one back with five minutes remaining in the first half but neither side could convert again after the break.

Leeds' tour of Australia will continue against fellow Premier League side Aston Villa at Suncorp Stadium on Sunday, with Roar facing the Villans in Townsville the following Wednesday.

Jesse Marsch's side almost made a perfect start when new signing Brenden Aaronson netted after just 18 seconds. His celebrations, however, were cut short by an offside flag.

But Leeds continued to press and were rewarded when James was found in space on the right and fired in at the near post in the 23rd.

The Welshman then turned provider two minutes later when he lofted a ball toward the back post and Gelhardt rose to head home.

Jack Harrison hit the post for Leeds on the half-hour mark but Brisbane's work on the counter bore in the 40th when Rahmat Akbari's shot deflected into the path of Knowles, who fired past Kristoffer Klaesson.

Knowles is signed to NPL Victoria side Oakleigh Cannons and trialling at the Roar in hope of earning a professional contract.

Both sides rotated heavily as the game continued, with the Queenslanders seeing more of the ball as a result.

They had a golden opportunity to equalise in the 90th minute when the ball ricocheted to Jez Lofthouse after chaos in the box, only for his close-range effort to sail wide.

Roar's new marquee English signing Charlie Austin didn't feature in the contest but is targeting minutes against Villa.

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
15th. July 2022, 20.05	Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Victoria	Clear	10C	74157

Melbourne Victory..1 v. Manchester United (England)..4

half time, Melbourne Victory..1 v. Manchester United..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
20	GK	Paul Izzo					22	GK	Thomas Heaton				
21	DF	Roderick Gonçalves Miranda		84			2	DF	Victor Nilsson Lindelöf				46^
15	DF	George Timotheou					5	DF	Harry Maguire				46^^^
16	DF	Stefan Nigro				68*	23	DF	Luke Shaw				46*****
6	MF	Leigh Broxham				88	20	DF	José Diogo Dalot Teixeira				46^^
8	MF	Joshua Brillante					17	MF	Frederico "Fred" Rodrigues de Paula Santos				46**
4	MF	Raimon "Rai" Marchán Vidal				79	8	MF	Bruno Borges Fernandes				46*
22	MF	Jake Brimmer				88**	39	MF	Scott McTominay	43			46
14	MF	Jay Barnett				88*	9	FW	Anthony Martial	45+1			46****
7	FW	Christopher Ikonomidis	5			78	25	FW	Jadon Sancho				46^^^^
11	FW	Gbenga "Ben" Folami				68	36	FW	Anthony Junior Elanga				46***
SUBSTITUTES													
24	FW	Nishan Velupillay				68	55	MF	Zidane Iqbal				46
26	FW	Lleyton Tanabe Brooks				68*	34	MF	Donny van de Beek				46*
9	FW	Tomi Jurić				78	51	MF	Charlie Savage				46**
13	MF	Birkan Kirdar				79	16	FW	Amad Diallo Traoré				46***
32	MF	Alex Menelaou				88	10	FW	Marcus Rashford	78			46****
33	DF	Edmond Lupancu	90(og)			88*	12	DF	Tyrell Malacia				46*****
17	MF	Luis "Nani" Almeida da Cunha				88**	27	DF	Alex Telles				46^
19	MF	Luka Pršo					41	DF	Ethan Laird				46^^
29	MF	Eli Adams					3	DF	Eric Bailly				46^^^
1	GK	Matthew Acton					44	MF	Tahith Chong				46^^^^
28	MF	William Wilson					29	DF	Aaron Wan-Bissaka				
30	GK	Ahmad Taleb					30	GK	Nathan Bishop				
							46	MF	Hannibal Mejbri				
							28	MF	Facundo Pellistri Rebollo				
							75	FW	Alejandro Garnacho Ferreyra				
							40	GK	Matěj Kovář				

Team Coach	T Popovic	Team Coach	Erik ten Hag
Team Manager		Team Manager	
Referee	Chris Beath (Australia)		
Assistant Referee 1	Ashley Beecham (Australia)		
Assistant Referee 2	Anton Shchetinin (Australia)		

match report from SkySports

Erik ten Hag maintained his winning start to pre-season as Manchester United came from behind to beat Melbourne Victory 4-1 at the MCG.

United were made to work for victory in the first leg of their tour of Australia, with Chris Ikonomidis rounding off a clinical counter to hand Melbourne a shock fifth-minute lead.

But Scott McTominay's deflected equaliser and Anthony Martial's second pre-season goal in the space of three minutes at the end of the first half saw United turn the game around in an instant.

Ten Hag made 10 half-time changes but United retained control against a tiring Melbourne and, after Tuesday's 4-0 thrashing of Liverpool in Thailand, hit four goals in successive pre-season games thanks to Marcus Rashford's third and a late own goal from Edmond Lupancu.

United dominated the opening exchanges but were stunned by Melbourne's very first attack. Victor Lindelof failed to intercept a pass which released Ben Folami down the right flank, and his perfectly-weighted square pass was dispatched first time past Tom Heaton by Australia international Ikonomidis.

United's attempts to draw level were consistently repelled by a spirited defensive stand from Melbourne. McTominay saw two efforts from cutbacks on the right blocked, before Bruno Fernandes drew a fine first save from goalkeeper Paul Izzo after being played through on goal by Jadon Sancho's threaded pass.

George Timotheou's stunning headed clearance prevented Sancho from hauling United level and it required a strike of luck for Ten Hag's side to restore parity on 43 minutes, with McTominay intercepting the ball and then unleashing a shot which looped into the Melbourne net courtesy of a heavy deflection.

United ensured a frustrating first period ended on a high as they took the lead for the first time. Anthony Elanga cushioned Diogo Dalot's cross into the feet of Martial six yards from goal, and he showed great composure to control and then dispatch his second goal of pre-season.

Ten Hag changed his entire outfield during the interval but, thanks to the flare and maturity of youngsters Zidane Iqbal and Charlie Savage, United retained control of the contest and victory was secured 12 minutes from time when Eric Bailly threaded Rashford through on goal, and the England international prodded United's third past the on-rushing Izzo.

After a brief, late cameo from the Melbourne substitutes' bench from former United winger Nani, Tahith Chong ensured further gloss was added to the scoreline when his driving run and cross forced Melbourne defender Lupancu to turn the ball into his own net.

In the end, it proved to be another decent outing for Erik ten Hag's Manchester United.
Shell-shocked by Melbourne's early opener, United took their time to regain rhythm and momentum but when they did, they were able to apply concerted pressure on their hosts, who were unable to cope as fatigue set in.
Key to United's first-half comeback was their faith in Ten Hag's principles, with this latest incarnation dominant on the ball and quick to stifle the threat of the opposition on the counter.
Brilliantly executed, the tactical approach suffocated Melbourne and gave United's attacking flair players time on the ball to inflict the damage they did.
Sterner tests await Ten Hag's United on this tour of Australia, and in the Premier League season to come, but with two victories from two pre-season fixtures, momentum is building.

Queensland Champions Cup

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
17th. July 2022, 14.35	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, Queensland			40918

Leeds United (England)..0 v. Aston Villa (England)..1

half time, Leeds United..0 v. Aston Villa..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
						START LIST							
1	GK	I llan Meslier					25	GK	Robin Olsen				
14	DF	Diego Llorente Rios				46	27	DF	Lucas Digne				46***
5	DF	Robin Koch					16	DF	Calum Chambers				72
25	DF	Rasmus Nissen Kristensen				64	5	DF	Tyrone Mings				46*
24	DF	Leif Davis				68	2	DF	Matthew Cash				46^^
8	MF	Marc Roca Junqué				62*	23	MF	Philippe Coutinho Correia				46^^^
12	MF	Tyler Adams				62**	44	MF	Boubacar Kamara				46****
22	MF	Jack Harrison				62*****	6	MF	Douglas Luiz Soares de Paulo				46^
7	MF	Brenden Aaronson				62***	41	MF	Jacob Ramsey				46
9	FW	Patrick Bamford				62	11	FW	Oliver Watkins				46*****
20	FW	Daniel James				62****	31	FW	Leon Bailey Butler				46**
						SUBSTITUTES							
21	DF	Pascal Struijk				46	19	MF	Marvelous Nakamba				46
4	MF	Adam Forshaw				62	3	DF	Diego Carlos Santos Silva				46*
38	FW	Crysencio Summerville				62*	40	MF	Aaron Ramsey				46**
19	FW	Rodrigo Moreno Machado				62**	18	DF	Ashley Young				46***
63	FW	Archie Gray		67		62***, 73	7	MF	John McGinn		70		46****
43	MF	Mateusz Klich				62****	20	FW	Daniel Ings	64(pk)			46*****
23	FW	Luis Sinisterra Lucumi				62*****	8	MF	Morgan Sanson				46^
37	DF	Cody Drameh				64	24	DF	Frédéric Guilbert				46^^
33	DF	Leo Hjelde				68	10	MF	Emiliano Buendia Stati				46^^^
42	FW	Sam Greenwood				73	59	DF	Joshua Feeney				72
13	GK	Kristoffer-August Sundquist Klaesson					42	GK	Filip Marschall				
18	MF	Darko Boateng Gyabi					35	FW	Cameron Archer				
30	FW	Joe Gelhardt					47	MF	Timothy Iroegbunam				

Team Coach	Jesse Marsch	Team Coach	Steven Gerrard
Team Manager		Team Manager	
Referee	Adam Kersey (Australia)		
Assistant Referee 1	Nathan MacDonald (Australia)		
Assistant Referee 2	Owen Goldrick (Australia)		

match report from The Daily Mail

Aston Villa kept up their unbeaten start to their pre-season campaign after beating fellow Premier League Leeds in a fiery spectacle in Brisbane.

Danny Ings netted from the penalty spot shortly after the hour mark to settle the full-blooded contest, which saw a number of grizzly tackles force stoppages.

The margin of victory for Steven Gerrard's side could perhaps have been larger, given they missed several chances to increase their lead in the heat.

It was Leeds who started the brighter, however, after Jack Harrison set off on a weaving run towards the box and pulled the trigger, only to send his shot wide.

Down the other end, Villa were then awarded a penalty with 24 minutes on the clock, with Tyler Adams penalised for handball after good work from Philippe Coutinho.

The playmaker stepped up to take, although goalkeeper Illan Meslier superbly stopped the spot-kick. He was equally alert to then keep out the rebound.

Just moments later, Villa found themselves through on goal once again. Coutinho slotted Watkins away, but once more, Meslier was on hand to preserve the deadlock.

Leeds came forward through Brenden Aaronson, who played Patrick Bamford into the box. He was denied by Robin Olsen, with Daniel James scuffing a follow-up wide.

At the start of the second half, Villa made nine changes and even had the ball in the net through Ings' finish, although the goal was chalked off for an offside call.

The same striker and Harrison then exchanged chances at either end, with the former smashing into the side netting and the latter dragging his effort poorly.

Shortly after, it was the Whites' turn to reshuffle their ranks, with six players, including youngster Archie Gray, introduced into the thick of the action.

Just a minute later, Villa took the lead. Leif Davis was penalised for another handball, awarding the Midlands outfit a second penalty. Ings made no mistake from 12 yards.

Leeds' afternoon took another turn for the worse when Gray was forced off the pitch on a stretcher, following a poor challenge from John McGinn, who was booked.

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
19th. July 2022, 20.10	Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Victoria	Clear		76499

Manchester United (England)..3 v. Crystal Palace (England)..1

half time, Manchester United..1 v. Crystal Palace..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
						START LIST							
1	GK	David de Gea					1	GK	Jack Butland				14
2	DF	Victor Nilsson Lindelöf				66**	2	DF	Joel Ward	74			77****
5	DF	Harry Maguire				65	17	DF	Nathaniel Clyne				64***
20	DF	José Diogo Dalot Teixeira				66	16	DF	Joachim Andersen				77*
12	DF	Tyrell Malacia				77	3	DF	Tyrick Mitchell				64**
17	MF	Frederico "Fred" Rodrigues de Paula Santos				66*****	4	MF	Luka Milivojević				77***
8	MF	Bruno Borges Fernandes				66^	23	MF	Malcolm Perewari Ebiowei				77**
39	MF	Scott McTominay				46	49	MF	Jesurun Rak-Sakyi				64
9	FW	Anthony Martial	17			66****	55	MF	Killian Phillips		45+4		64*
10	FW	Marcus Rashford	48			66*	9	FW	Jordan Ayew		57		77
25	FW	Jadon Sancho	59			66***	14	FW	Jean-Philippe Mateta				65
						SUBSTITUTES							
34	MF	Donny van de Beek				46	19	GK	Remi Matthews				14
48	DF	William Fish			84	65	77	MF	David Ozoh				64
29	DF	Aaron Wan-Bissaka				66	64	MF	Jadan Raymond				64*
46	MF	Hannibal Mejbri				66*	41	DF	Omotayo Adaramola				64**
27	DF	Alex Telles				66**	56	DF	Daniel Quick				64***
16	FW	Amad Diallo Traoré				66***	53	FW	Ademola Ola-Adebomi				65
36	FW	Anthony Junior Elanga				66****	43	FW	Scott Banks				77
51	MF	Charlie Savage				66*****	46	MF	Malachi Boateng				77*
55	MF	Zidane Iqbal				66^	60	FW	Victor Akinwale				77**
41	DF	Ethan Laird				77	68	DF	Jake O'Brien				77***
28	MF	Facundo Pellistri Rebollo					57	DF	Cardo Siddick Afraciab				77****
40	GK	Matěj Kovář					78	DF	Kaden Rodney				
23	DF	Luke Shaw					22	FW	Odsonne Édouard				
22	GK	Thomas Heaton					13	GK	Vicente Guaita Panadero				
44	MF	Tahith Chong					67	FW	Robert Street				
75	FW	Alejandro Garnacho Ferreyra											
3	DF	Eric Bailly											
Team Coach		Erik ten Hag					Team Coach		Patrick Donalé Vieira				
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Alex King (Australia)											
Assistant Referee 1		Andrew Lindsay (Australia)											
Assistant Referee 2		Kearney Robinson (Australia)											

match report from Crystal Palace FC

In the enormous bowl of the Melbourne Cricket Ground, in front of a crowd approaching 80,000 people, Palace put on a defiant display against a new-look Manchester United but once again fell to defeat.

The game started in unfortunate circumstances for the Eagles, as Jack Butland's superb save to deny Anthony Martial left him nursing an injury, and he had to be replaced by Remi Matthews.

There were chances at both ends, and Malcolm Ebiowei demonstrated his considerable abilities on the ball as he cut inside and forced De Gea into a smart save.

Martial opened the scoring before half-time, after an excellent interchange between the two United full-backs Diogo Dalot and Tyrell Malacia; the former found Martial to prod home.

Erik Ten Hag's side made it two immediately after half-time, as Martial, Sancho, van de Beek and Rashford combined to open Palace up, and allow Rashford to roll into an empty net.

It was three shortly afterwards, as Martial flicked on to Sancho on the break and the England man raced in to score.

Palace had some tough defending to do for a period as United increased the pressure, but after both sides made wholesale changes the game changed.

Ademola Ola-Adebomi was denied a dream goal by a De Gea save, but from the resulting corner Joel Ward headed home to give Palace hope.

It should have been two as Victor Akinwale raced through on goal, but he was hauled down by Will Fish and the Man Utd man was shown a straight red card.

Palace pushed for more but in the end it was to no avail, and all thoughts turn to Leeds United in Perth.

Palace: Butland (Matthews, 15), Clyne (Quick, 65), Andersen (Siddik, 77), Ward (O'Brien, 77), Mitchell (Adaramola, 65), Milivojevic (M. Boateng, 77), Phillips (Ozoh, 65), Rak-Sakyi (Raymond, 65), Ebiowei (Banks, 77), Mateta (Ola-Adebomi, 65), Ayew (Akinwale, 77).

Subs not used: Guaita, Rodney, Edouard, Street.

match report from sportbible

With Manchester United looking to maintain their 100% win record from pre-season, the Red Devils would face Premier League opposition in Crystal Palace.

United would remain without both James Garner, and Raphael Varane, with the duo both again missing out. The decision was made by new United boss Erik ten Hag as a precaution following the minor injuries the pair are battling.

Despite two players missing out on the game, United would still confidently dispatch Crystal Palace. With goals from Jadon Sancho, Marcus Rashford, and the free-scoring Anthony Martial securing a 3-1 win.

First Half:-

Sporting their new away shirt, United looked the dominant side for almost all of the first half. Whilst it's worth admitting that Palace's team had few in the way of their usual starters, United still remained in total control for the first 45.

Anthony Martial, who has been in top form since the start of United's pre-season tour, had the chance to add to his goal tally early on. Having already scored against Liverpool, and Melbourne Victory, Martial was slipped in by Fred who's shot was saved by Jack Butland. The action would ultimately be Butland's last of the game, being forced off with an injury as a result of the save.

It wouldn't be long till Martial would get his goal though, with the France international opening the scoring for the day in the 18th minute. New signing Tyrell Malacia would send a ball over towards Diogo Dalot, who confidently brought the ball down. Picking out Martial, it was yet another smart finish from the striker, who continues to be the star of United's pre-season tour.

Despite strangely being on the receiving end of heavy boos every time he touched the ball, Harry Maguire put in an impressive display for the majority of the first 45. Again featuring on the right side of the two centre-backs, the captain's passing range again stood out, picking out both wingers throughout the game. Maguire's defensive abilities were also called upon, with the skipper denying Palace's Jesurun Rak-Sakyi from getting a clean shot at goal away. Maguire would also see a shot go just wide of the post as the half drew to a close.

Also impressive was Maguire's fellow countrymen Marcus Rashford, and Jadon Sancho. Continuing to operate on his favoured left side, Rashford played like a man with a point to prove, and was unlucky not to pick up an assist following an excellent cross late on in the first half. Sancho meanwhile became an instrumental part in a lot of what was good for United, with his budding relationship with Dalot continuing to thrive.

The first half would end with Killian Phillips of Crystal Palace picking up a yellow card, before an ambitious Marcus Rashford free-kick was saved by Palace's substitute keeper Remi Matthews.

Second Half:-

Kicking off the second-half with a largely identical team, only Scott McTominay was replaced, with Donny van de Beek taking his place. The Dutch international wouldn't need long to make his mark on the game, picking up an assist, as Marcus Rashford scored United's second of the game.

Rashford's goal would come almost immediately as the second half kicked off, a four-pronged attack from United, brought with it excellent passing, and ultimately a second goal. Rashford, Martial, Sancho, and Van de Beek all linked up, with seamless passing accuracy. Van de Beek would be allowed the opportunity to move the ball across the box to Rashford, who graciously scored when facing a largely open net.

Pouncing on some poor defending from Crystal Palace, Bruno Fernandes would come close to scoring United's third of the day. Fernandes was on the receiving end of a Dalot through-ball, making his way into the box, but his volleyed effort would go wide.

A third goal was due for United, and a third goal was delivered upon. The final member of Man United's front three, Jadon Sancho would bomb into acres of space, before a simple body feint allowed him to trick Matthews in the Palace goal, opening up the space, Sancho confidently slotted home.

The 65th minute would see United and Palace make plenty of changes, with United in particular changing the majority of their team. In total, eight outfield changes were made, with Ethan Laird being introduced later on. One change made by Ten Hag, saw the first pre-season appearance of Hannibal Mejbri.

Joel Ward would score Palace's only goal of the game, the defender who made a rather serious mistake for Sancho's goal, would make up for his error by scoring for the Eagles.

The goal would come after a David De Gea save led to a corner, then in a cruel taste of irony, it would be a mistake from De Gea that allowed Ward's goal to creep in. A worrying sign that despite the clear improvement from United in pre-season, the ghosts of set pieces gone by still lingers.

Palace would ultimately be denied a second goal, after Will Fish brought down Palace's Victor Akinwale on the edge of the box. A poor touch from Fish allowed the ball to get away from him, and with no other options the young defender pulled down the Palace player. Despite it being pre-season, the referee was left with no other option than to give the defender his marching orders.

Following that decision, the game largely died down. With a lack of clear chances, the Manchester United youngsters seemed happy to maintain possession, attacking with a lack of real intensity. The final score on the day would be a 3-1 Manchester United win.

Manchester United's pre-season tour will continue on Saturday, with the side facing yet more Premier League opposition in Aston Villa.

The Villains have heavily strengthened their team so far this window, and in the two league matches between the sides, United failed to win either match. They did however beat Villa in the FA Cup.

Queensland Champions Cup

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
20th. July 2022, 19.45	Queensland Country Bank Stadium, Townsville, Queensland			7468

Brisbane Roar..0 v. Aston Villa (England)..1

half time, Brisbane Roar..0 v. Aston Villa..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	Macklin Freke					1	GK	Damián Emiliano Martinez Romero (c)				63
5	DF	Thomas Aldred					27	DF	Lucas Digne		14		46^
19	DF	Jack Hingert				64*	16	DF	Calum Chambers				46^^^
27	DF	Kai Clifton Trewin					3	DF	Diego Carlos Santos Silva				46*****
26	MF	James O'Shea					2	DF	Matthew Cash				46****
6	MF	Connor Chapman				69	23	MF	Philippe Coutinho Correia				46*
7	MF	Rahmat Akbari				46	7	MF	John McGinn				46***
8	MF	Riku Danzaki				64	44	MF	Boubacar Kamara				46
35	MF	Louis Zabala				46*	15	FW	Bertrand Traoré				46^^
9	FW	Luke Ivanovic				46**	20	FW	Daniel Ings				46^^^^
11	FW	Jez Lofthouse				64**	31	FW	Leon Bailey Butler				46**
SUBSTITUTES													
15	MF	Jesse Daley		69		46, 89	6	MF	Douglas Luiz Soares de Paulo				46
2	DF	Scott Neville				46*	10	MF	Emiliano Buendia Stati				46*
23	FW	Joseph Knowles				46**, 69*	41	MF	Jacob Ramsey				46**
13	MF	Henry Hore				64	47	MF	Timothy Iroegbunam				46***
4	DF	Anton Mlinaric				64*	29	DF	Kaine Kessler Hayden				46****
22	MF	Ryo Matsumura				64**	5	DF	Tyrone Mings				46*****
18	MF	Ville Matti Steinmann				69	17	DF	Hans Carl Ludwig Augustinsson				46^, 80
32	FW	Charlie Austin				69*	35	FW	Cameron Archer	77			46^^
29	FW	Cyrus Dehmie				89	4	DF	Ezri Konsa Ngoyo				46^^^
10	FW	Nikola Mileusnic					11	FW	Oliver Watkins				46^^^^
31	GK	Jacson Riley					25	GK	Robin Olsen				63
21	MF	Henry Cliff					45	DF	Benjamin Chrisene				80
							59	DF	Joshua Feeney				
							40	MF	Aaron Ramsey				
							42	GK	Filip Marschall				

Team Coach	Warren Moon	Team Coach	Steven Gerrard
Team Manager		Team Manager	
Referee	Kurt Ams (Australia)		
Assistant Referee 1	Anton Schetinin (Australia)		
Assistant Referee 2	Ashley Beecham (Australia)		

match report from AAP

It took a while before Premier League outfit Aston Villa broke down the resistance of A-League Men's side Brisbane Roar to secure a 1-0 win in their friendly on Wednesday.

Frustrated by a combination of stout Roar defending and a lack of creativity at North Queensland Stadium, England youth international Cameron Archer secured a frustrating but deserved win for Steven Gerrard's side with a 76th-minute strike.

With the two-game Queensland jaunt now complete, the Villans head west for a game against Manchester United at Perth Stadium on Saturday.

Roar will now turn its attention on an Australia Cup meeting against NPL Victoria side Heidelberg United on July 27.

Belying the friendly nature of the game, Tom Aldred was briefly forced from the field in the 15th minute after a late challenge from Lucas Digne left the Roar captain bleeding and the Frenchman lucky not to receive his marching orders.

Jez Lofthouse subsequently produced Roar's best chance of the game in the 18th minute when he cut inside and shot just wide after his side transitioned quickly.

Despite handily controlling possession, Villa ran into a wall of orange shirts with two chaotic first-half chances falling to Danny Ings and Diego Carlos.

With his side opening their Premier League season against Bournemouth on August 7, Gerrard rotated his squad heavily at the half but the new bodies found themselves as frustrated as their predecessors against an embedded defence.

Roar brought former Southampton striker Charlie Austin on for his debut in the 69th minute in an attempt to find a spark.

However, he could only watch as Villa finally made its breakthrough when a cross sneaked through to Archer, who deposited it into the bottom corner.

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
22nd. July 2022, 20.05	Optus Stadium, Perth, Western Australia			33919

Crystal Palace (England)..1 v. Leeds United (England)..1

half time, Crystal Palace..0 v. Leeds United..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
13	GK	Vicente Guaita Panadero					1	GK	I llan Meslier				
17	DF	Nathaniel Clyne					4	MF	Adam Forshaw (c)				33
16	DF	Joachim Andersen		32			5	DF	Robin Koch				45
2	DF	Joel Ward		55			7	MF	Brenden Aaronson				45*
3	DF	Tyrick Mitchell		X			9	FW	Patrick Bamford				45**
4	MF	Luka Milivojević		X			12	MF	Tyler Adams				45***
49	MF	Jesurun Rak-Sakyi					14	DF	Diego Llorente Rios		28		
77	MF	David Ozoh		17		65	21	DF	Pascal Struijk				45****
22	FW	Odsonne Édouard				80	22	MF	Jack Harrison				
14	FW	Jean-Philippe Mateta	67			84	23	FW	Luis Sinisterra Lucumi				14
9	FW	Jordan Ayew				84*	25	DF	Rasmus Nissen Kristensen				
SUBSTITUTES													
23	MF	Malcolm Perewari Ebiowei				65	8	MF	Marc Roca Junqué				33, 61
55	MF	Killian Phillips				80	33	DF	Leo Hjelde				45
67	FW	Robert Street				84	42	FW	Sam Greenwood		64		45*
41	DF	Omotayo Adaramola				84*	30	FW	Joe Gelhardt				45**
19	GK	Remi Matthews					38	FW	Crysencio Summerville				45***
43	FW	Scott Banks					20	FW	Daniel James				45****
46	MF	Malachi Boateng					19	FW	Rodrigo Moreno Machado	56(pk)			14, 61*
53	FW	Ademola Ola-Adebomi					43	MF	Mateusz Klich				61*
56	DF	Daniel Quick					18	MF	Darko Boateng Gyabi				61
57	DF	Cardo Siddick Afraciab					13	GK	Kristoffer-August Sundquist Klaesson				
60	FW	Victor Akinwale					55	GK	Harry Christy				
64	MF	Jadan Raymond					24	DF	Leif Davis				
68	DF	Jake O'Brien					63	FW	Archie Gray				
78	DF	Kaden Rodney											

Team Coach	Patrick Donalé Vieira	Team Coach	Jesse Marsch (Yellow Card 84th. min.)
Team Manager		Team Manager	
Referee	Daniel Elder		
Assistant Referee 1			
Assistant Referee 2			

match report from Leeds United FC

Jesse Marsch's side played their final match of the pre-season tour to Australia, taking on Crystal Palace at the Optus Stadium in Perth. A hard-fought match from both teams saw the goals come in the second half, as the sides drew the friendly clash.

A competitive opening to the encounter saw both teams pick up early bookings in the game, through late challenges in attempts to win back the ball. David Ozoh was the first to be carded, swiftly followed by Diego Llorente for Leeds, whilst then Joachim Andersen also added his name to the referee's notebook.

A quick counter-attack up the pitch saw the Eagles trying to test the Leeds defence and it did so, with Robin Koch well placed to make an important block from Odsonne Édouard's acrobatic effort inside the box.

Leeds made two changes early in the game. Firstly, Luis Sinisterra was replaced by Rodrigo due to injury, whilst Adam Forshaw went off just after the half-hour mark meaning Marc Roca entered the action.

A first real chance of the half came for the Whites when Robin Koch played a pinpoint ball into the feet of Patrick Bamford, who in turn flicked it in behind for Rodrigo.

The Spaniard collected the ball and burst into the box but was caught in two minds when approaching Vicente Guaita's goal, whether to cross or shoot, and in the end the ball went behind for goal-kick and didn't trouble the 'keeper.

With full-back Tyrick Mitchell picking up the third yellow card for Palace and the fourth overall in the first half, set-pieces were contributing towards the possibility of chances, but nothing of note arrived from them.

Shortly before the interval in a half that had seen Leeds in control for the majority, another well-worked move from Marsch's side created an opportunity for Bamford, but the striker saw his powerful effort go narrowly over the bar.

That was to be the final effort on goal in the opening 45 minutes at the Optus Stadium, meaning the teams went in level.

HALF TIME: Leeds United 0-0 Crystal Palace

As is the norm during pre-season, a number of changes occurred during the break meaning fresh faces were introduced for the second half. Crysencio Summerville, Sam Greenwood, Joe Gelhardt and Dan James all entered the action in a new-look attacking line-up, whilst Leo Hjelde came on to take his place in defence.

Straight into the action, the substitutes combined to win Leeds an early penalty in the second half. Greenwood switched play to Kristensen who in turn found Summerville and as the winger entered the box he was fouled by Joel Ward, and the referee pointed to the spot.

Rodrigo had to wait to take the penalty whilst Palace players protested the decision, but the forward showed his composure to fire into the bottom corner, sending Guaita the wrong way and putting Leeds a goal ahead!
After scoring the penalty, the Spaniard went off to be replaced by Mateusz Klich and to make it a double change, Darko Gyabi came on for the previously introduced Marc Roca with 30 minutes to go.
The Whites had a big chance to double the lead, once again with Greenwood creating. He played a defence splitting pass for Gelhardt and with the 'keeper rushing out the striker looked to chip him, but Guaita's got fingertips to the effort and turned it wide.
Straight up the other end, Palace equalised. Jordan Ayew found space to run through one-on-one and he had time to square it for Jean-Philippe Mateta to turn home, despite the best efforts of Klich looking to block the chance.
In the final part of the game, Gelhardt once again forced an excellent save out of Guaita from a powerful strike, whilst Illan Meslier was called into action to deny Palace's Killian Phillips, prior to the full time whistle bringing the match to a close when level.
FULL TIME: Leeds United 1-1 Crystal Palace
Leeds: Meslier (GK), Forshaw (C) (Roca 33' (Gyabi 61')), Koch (Hjelde 45'), Aaronson (Greenwood 45'), Bamford (Gelhardt 45'), Adams (Summerville 45'), Llorente, Struijk (James 45'), Harrison, Sinisterra (Rodrigo 14' (Klich 61')), Kristensen. Subs not used: Klaesson (GK), Christy (GK), Davis, Gray.
Palace: Guaita (GK), Ward, Mitchell, Milivojevic, Ayew (Street 84'), Mateta (Adaramola 84'), Andersen, Clyne, Edouard (Phillips 80'), Rak-Sakyi, Ozoh (Ebiowei 65'). Subs not used: Matthews (GK), Banks, Boateng, Ola-Adebomi, Quick, Siddik, Akinwale, Raymond, O'Brien, Rodney.
Venue: Optus Stadium
Attendance: 33,919
Referee: Daniel Elder
Booked: Ozoh, Andersen, Mitchell, Ward, Milivojevic (Palace) Llorente, Greenwood (Leeds)
Leeds United 1 (Rodrigo 56' pen) Crystal Palace 1 (Mateta 67')

match report from The West Australian
English Premier League teams Leeds and Crystal Palace have battled their way to a 1-1 draw in a feisty pre-season friendly at Perth's Optus Stadium.
Leeds were left hoping that injuries to close season signing Luis Sinisterra and Adam Forshaw in Friday's contest weren't going to be too costly, following a game that featured seven bookings.
Neither side mustered a shot on target in a dull first half, but fortunately for the crowd of 33,919, the game livened up considerably after the break.
Leeds hit the front in the 56th minute after referee Daniel Elder awarded a contentious penalty, ruling Joel Ward pushed Dutchman Crysencio Summerville despite seemingly little contact.
Spanish international Rodrigo sent Palace goalkeeper Vicente Guaita the wrong way from the spot.
Leeds' advantage lasted just 11 minutes until Palace equalised in devastating fashion.
Jordan Ayew was released down the left and unselfishly squared the ball to Frenchman Jean-Philippe Mateta, who tapped in from close range.
Colombian international winger Sinisterra, who Leeds signed from Dutch club Feyenoord earlier this month, limped off after just 12 minutes.
He made a promising start before his early exit, threading a good pass through to Patrick Bamford, who shot wide from an offside position.
Forshaw also came off just after the half-hour mark.
"Luis Sinisterra had a little hamstring injury," Leeds boss Jesse Marsch said. "We're hopeful that it's not too much, too long, too severe.
"Adam Forshaw had Mateta kind of lean on him a little bit and tweaked his knee.
"We're hopeful as well that that one's not so bad, but we will get more information on it in the next days."
Both teams seemed to struggle on a slippery surface and each lacked quality and precision in the final third.
"It wasn't so easy to play because its really bumpy and heavy," Leeds defender Rasmus Kristensen told Paramount Plus and Network Ten.
"It ended up being a fight and I think it was an even game."
Leeds came closest to scoring in the first half with Bamford's shot deflected wide for a corner.
Lively Leeds substitute Joe Gelhardt was put clear in the 66th minute just before the equaliser, but had his chip pushed away by Guaita, who also saved the forward's strong shot 16 minutes later.
Palace missed two great chances in added time.
England international defender Tyrick Mitchell's downward header from a few metres out bounced over the bar and Killian Phillips missed an opportunity in the closing seconds.
"We had a couple of situations that we should have scored," Palace coach Patrick Vieira said.
"I was very pleased because that was our last game here in Australia and physically we looked in better shape and tactically we still have things to improve, but it was a proper game of football."
Palace, who had a significant portion of their squad back in London, lost 3-1 against Manchester United in Melbourne, having previously been beaten 2-0 by Liverpool in Singapore.
Earlier in their Australian tour, Leeds had a 2-1 win over Brisbane Roar and a 1-0 loss to Aston Villa.

match report from Crystal Palace FC
Following the pyrotechnic show that greeted the players' arrival onto the field, the first-half was less of spectacle and was more characterised by the ferocious nature of the challenges – with several names from either side ending up in the referee's book.
The closest either side came to scoring was Patrick Bamford's snapshot from the edge of the area, taking a slight nick before flying narrowly past the post.
After the break the game sprang into life, however, and Palace found themselves behind in controversial circumstances. Joel Ward came across to clear a nothing ball into the area, but the referees instantly pointed to the spot.
The Palace players were incandescent, and pointed repeatedly to the big screen replays of the incident. The referee was unmoved, and Rodrigo stepped up to send Guaita the wrong way from 12-yards.
But the Eagles had always looked dangerous on the break, and it was through a rapid counter attack that they hit back. Jordan Ayew found space behind the Leeds defence and raced forwards, displaying real pace to leave Kristienssen in his wake.
Galloping alongside him was Jean-Philippe Mateta, who had the easy task of slotting into an empty net.
Both sides had chances to find a second, with Malcolm Ebiowei once again impressing going forwards, and Joe Gelhardt forcing Guaita into a smart save.
But it was Palace who should have won it – first through Mitchell who nodded down into the ground from six-yards-out at the far post and then Killian Phillips on another lightening quick counter attack.
In the end it was all square, but a positive end to a huge pre-season tour nonetheless.
Palace: Guaita (GK), Clyne, Andersen, Ward, Mitchell, Milivojevic, Rak-Sakyi, Ozoh (Ebiowei, 65), Edouard (Phillips¸80), Mateta (Street, 84), Ayew (Adaramola, 84).
Subs: Matthews, Rodney, Quick, O'Brien, Siddik, M. Boateng, Raymond, Banks, Akinwale, Ola-Adebomi.

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
23rd. July 2022, 17.45	Optus Stadium, Perth, Western Australia	Rain		58228

Manchester United (England)..2 v. Aston Villa (England)..2

half time, Manchester United..2 v. Aston Villa..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	David de Gea					1	GK	Damián Emiliano Martinez Romero (c)				46
20	DF	José Diogo Dalot Teixeira				67	2	DF	Matthew Cash	42(og)			64
5	DF	Harry Maguire (c)				67**	3	DF	Diego Carlos Santos Silva				64*
2	DF	Victor Nilsson Lindelöf				67*	5	DF	Tyrone Mings (c)				64**
23	DF	Luke Shaw				67***	27	DF	Lucas Digne				64***
34	MF	Donny van de Beek				67*****	44	MF	Boubacar Kamara				64****
17	MF	Frederico "Fred" Rodrigues de Paula Santos				67****	7	MF	John McGinn		51		64*****
8	MF	Bruno Borges Fernandes				67^	41	MF	Jacob Ramsey				46*
25	FW	Jadon Sancho	25			67^^	23	MF	Philippe Coutinho Correia		13		46***
9	FW	Anthony Martial				67^^^	20	FW	Daniel Ings				46**
10	FW	Marcus Rashford				67^^^^	11	FW	Oliver Watkins				64^
SUBSTITUTES													
3	DF	Eric Bailly		90+2		67**	4	DF	Ezri Konsa Ngoyo				64**
12	DF	Tyrell Malacia				67***	6	MF	Douglas Luiz Soares de Paulo				46*
16	FW	Amad Diallo Traoré					8	MF	Morgan Sanson				64
19	DF	Raphaël Varane				67*	10	MF	Emiliano Buendia Stati				46***
22	GK	Thomas Heaton					16	DF	Calum Chambers	90+3			64^
27	DF	Alex Telles				67^	18	DF	Ashley Young				64*****
28	MF	Facundo Pellistri Rebollo					25	GK	Robin Olsen				46
29	DF	Aaron Wan-Bissaka				67	31	FW	Leon Bailey Butler	49			46**
30	GK	Nathan Bishop					35	FW	Cameron Archer				64***
36	FW	Anthony Junior Elanga				67^^^^	47	MF	Timothy Iroegbunam				64*
37	MF	James Garner				67*****	40	MF	Aaron Ramsey				
40	GK	Matěj Kovář					42	GK	Filip Marschall				
41	DF	Ethan Laird					59	DF	Joshua Feeney				
44	MF	Tahith Chong		78		67^^^	29	DF	Kaine Kessler Hayden				64****
46	MF	Hannibal Mejbri				67^^							
48	DF	William Fish											
51	MF	Charlie Savage											
55	MF	Zidane Iqbal				67****							
49	FW	Alejandro Garnacho Ferreyra											
Team Coach		Erik ten Hag					Team Coach		Steven Gerrard				
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Alireza Faghani (Iran)											
Assistant Referee 1		Lance Greenshields											
Assistant Referee 2		Andrej Giev											

match report from skysports

Calum Chambers headed in a last-gasp equaliser as Manchester United squandered a two-goal lead to draw 2-2 with Aston Villa.

Jadon Sancho scored his third goal of an impressive pre-season tour but after United dominated the first half, they were pegged back in the final minute.

Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag described the lapse as "unacceptable" after the game, but is glad it happened in a pre-season game and not during the competitive campaign.

Sancho's latest strike capped a fine team goal in the 25th minute before Matty Cash turned into his own net on the stroke of half-time to put United in total control amid torrential rain in Perth.

However, Aston Villa rallied in the second period following a poor first-half display as substitute Leon Bailey inspired them to a comeback with a fine solo goal four minutes after the restart.

His excellent individual performance, which saw him denied a second by a superb Harry Maguire block, paid dividends in injury time as his corner was headed in by Chambers.

Despite concerns over the pitch at the Optus Stadium following heavy rainfall in Perth, United started quickly with Maguire's header from Luke Shaw's corner pushed away by Emiliano Martínez.

Villa's only chance of the half came from Cash's low strike from 25 yards which went narrowly wide of David de Gea's right-hand post.

United controlled proceedings as Sancho was denied by a sharp save from Martinez, although he did not have to wait long to find the net.

Diogo Dalot started the move on the right side, feeding Anthony Martial, who popped the ball off to Bruno Fernandes. The midfielder shifted it to Rashford on the left and he waited for Shaw's overlapping run with the left-back crossing for Sancho to volley home.

Rashford, who has also looked revitalised under Ten Hag, then shot just wide before playing a key part in United's second goal as the heavens opened. Sancho broke clear of the Villa defence and crossed for Rashford, whose off-target volley deflected in off the unfortunate Cash.

Villa did not register a shot on target during the first half, which led to Steven Gerrard making five changes at half-time. It had the desired impact as Ollie Watkins curled wide before substitute Bailey capitalised on poor defending from Victor Lindelof, who backed off and allowed the winger to curl an excellent low shot into the far corner.

United nearly regained their two-goal advantage as Sancho's cross was turned towards his own goal by Ezri Konsa but substitute Robin Olsen did well to save.

Bailey was causing problems down the United left and nearly equalised as his shot from the edge of the box deflected off Martial. Then the 24-year-old Jamaica international was released in behind the United defence, rounded De Gea but saw his shot brilliantly blocked from going in by Maguire.

United made 10 changes with 20 minutes to play as Eric Bailly, Tyrell Malacia, Raphael Varane, Alex Telles, Aaron Wan-Bissaka, Anthony Elanga, James Garner, Zidance Iqbal, Tahith Chong and Hannibal Mejri came on for Maguire, Lindelof, Shaw, Sancho, Dalot, Rashford, Donny van de Beek, Martial, Fred and Fernandes.

But their fresh legs on the torn-up pitch could not see out the victory as Bailey's in-swinging corner was headed in by Chambers with the last touch of the match.

Team line-ups:

Manchester United: De Gea, Dalot (Wan-Bissaka 67), Lindelof (Varane 67), Maguire (Bailly 67), Shaw (Malacia 67), Fred (Iqbal 67), Van de Beek (Garner 67), Fernandes (Telles 67), Sancho (Mejbri 67), Martial (Chong 67), Rashford (Elanga 67).

Unused subs: Heaton, Bishop, Kovar, Fish, Laird, Amad, Pellistri, Savage, Garnacho.

Aston Villa: Martinez (Olsen 46), Cash (Sanson 64), Diego Carlos (Iroegbunam 64), Mings (Konsa 46), Digne (Archer 64), J. Ramsey (Luiz 46), Kamara (Hayden 64), McGinn (Young 64), Coutinho (Buendia 46), Watkins (Chambers 64), Ings (Bailey 46).

Unused subs: Marschall, Kesler, A. Ramsey, Feeney.

Sydney Super Cup

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
17th. November 2022, 19.45	Allianz Stadium, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales (Sydney Football Stadium)	Clear		

Sydney FC..2 v. Celtic FC (Scotland)..1

half time, Sydney FC..1 v. Celtic FC..1

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
						START LIST							
20	GK	Thomas Heward-Belle					31	GK	Benjamin Siegrist				
23	DF	Rhyan Grant					4	DF	Carl Starfelt				
18	DF	Diego Caballo Alonso				61*	56	DF	Anthony Ralston				
27	DF	Adrian Vlastelica				75	57	DF	Stephen Welsh				78
29	DF	Aaron Gurd					25	DF	Alexandro Bernabei				46****
26	MF	Nathan Luke Brattan				69*	49	MF	James Forrest				46*
11	MF	Róbert Mak	26			60	21	MF	Yosuke Ideguchi				46***
8	MF	Paulo Pereira Retre					28	MF	Oliver Abildgaard Nielsen				46
22	MF	Max Barry Burgess	60			69	14	MF	David Turnbull				65*
19	MF	Adrian Segecic				61	8	FW	Kyogo Furuhashi	23			65
10	FW	Joseph Lolley				86	11	FW	Liel Abada				46**
						SUBSTITUTES							
25	FW	Jaiden Kucharski				60	33	MF	Matthew O'Riley				46
16	MF	Patrick Yazbek				61	17	FW	João "Jota" Neves Filipe				46*
5	DF	Connor Kazuki O'Toole				61*	9	MF	Sead Hakšabanović				46**
21	FW	Alexander Parsons				69	41	MF	Reo Hatate				46***
28	MF	Jake Girdwood-Reich				69*	3	DF	Greg Taylor				46****
33	DF	Dejan Bakrdanikoski				75	69	MF	Rocco Vata				65
12	FW	Patrick Wood				86	35	MF	Scott Robertson				65*
31	MF	Oscar Moncrieff Priestman					50	DF	Mohammed Bosun Lawal				78
34	MF	Hayden Matthews					29	GK	Scott Bain				
32	MF	Kealey Adamson											
30	GK	Adam Pavlesic											

Team Coach	Stephen Corica	Team Coach	Angelos "Ange" Postecoglou
Team Manager		Team Manager	
Referee	Alex King		
Assistant Referee 1	Kearney Robinson		
Assistant Referee 2	Nance Greenshields		

match report from news.co,.au

Sydney FC has made it anything but a happy homecoming for ex-Socceroos coach Ange Postecoglou with a shock 2-1 win over Celtic at Allianz Stadium.

Despite being without being their four World Cup players – Socceroos midfielder Aaron Mooy, Japanese attacker Daizen Maeda, Croatian fullback Josip Juranovic and England-born American representative Cameron Carter-Vickers – the Scottish champions had been expected to cruise to victory in the opening match of the Sydney Super Cup.

However, someone forgot to tell the Sky Blues that causing an upset wasn't a part of Thursday night's script.

Sydney coach Steve Corica was delighted with his team's performance, particularly in the first half.

"That was some of the best football we've played all season," Corica told Network 10.

"I'm very proud of them."

Postecoglou said the Sky Blues were deserving of their victory.

"We looked like we were a bit off it tonight," Postecoglou said,

"Credit to Sydney ... but it wasn't the way we wanted to perform.

"There was good goalmouth action from both teams but Sydney just looked sharper than us."

Signs of a potential boilover were evident early, with the Sydneysiders defying their ordinary A-League form by taking the game to Postecoglou's Celtic.

Shunned Socceroo Rhyan Grant forced a good save out of Celtic's Swiss goalkeeper Benji Siegrist, playing ahead of first-choice custodian Joe Hart in the 10th minute.

The Sky Blues then hit the crossbar twice within the space of six minutes.

Slovakian import Robert Mak, who played against the Hoops last season in the Europa League for his former club Ferencváros, smashed the ball into the woodwork in the 16th minute.

Soon after it was the turn of another of Sydney's imports, English winger Joe Lolley, to be foiled by the bar.

Celtic made the most of the Sky Blues misfortune, taking the lead in the 23rd minute through Japanese striker Kyogo Furuhashi. who, with his chest, guided a shot from Argentine teammate Alexandro Bernabei.

However, Sydney's response was almost immediate, with Mak equalising three minute with a calm finish past Siegrist after outpacing Celtic defender Stephen Welsh.

Celtic made a host of changes at the start of the second half, with the substitutes including Portuguese star Jota, who helped add spark to the Hoops' attack.

But try as the might, the Scottish champions could not find a go-ahead goal, although had VAR been in operation, they would have been awarded a penalty in the 50th minute for a handball offence from Sydney midfielder Max Burgess that was missed by referee Alex King.

Burgess went from potential villain to hero on the hour mark with a brilliant left-footed finish that was too good for Siegrist.
It proved to be enough, with Celtic's search for a face-saving equaliser in the remaining half an hour proving fruitless.
Postecoglou's men will be desperate to hit back hard when they meet English Premier League club Everton on Sunday at Accor Stadium.

Sydney Super Cup

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
20th. November 2022, 14.45	Accor Stadium, Homebush Bay, Sydney, New South Wales (Stadium Australia)	Clear, sunny		41121

Everton FC (England)..0 v. Celtic FC (Scotland)..0

half time, Everton FC..0 v. Celtic FC..0

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
						START LIST							
15	GK	Asmir Begović (c)					1	GK	Charles Hart				
2	DF	James Tarkowski					4	DF	Carl Starfelt				
5	DF	Michael Keane					56	DF	Anthony Ralston				
13	DF	Yerry Mina González				46*	3	DF	Greg Taylor				
19	DF	Vitaliy Mykolenko				67	6	DF	Moritz Jenz				
3	DF	Nathan Patterson		44			9	MF	Sead Hakšabanović				60
16	MF	Abdoulaye Doucouré				46	14	MF	David Turnbull				85
60	MF	Isaac Price					33	MF	Matthew O'Riley				85*
20	FW	Neal Maupay				75	41	MF	Reo Hatate				
11	FW	Demarai Gray				75*	17	FW	João "Jota" Neves Filipe				71
10	FW	Anthony Gordon					8	FW	Kyogo Furuhashi				71*
						SUBSTITUTES							
7	FW	Dwight McNeil				46	11	FW	Liel Abada				60
4	DF	Mason Holgate				46*	49	MF	James Forrest				71
29	DF	Rúben Nascimento Vinagre				67	7	FW	Georgios Giakoumakis				71*
47	FW	Thomas Cannon				75	28	MF	Oliver Abildgaard Nielsen				85
56	MF	Stanley Mills				75*	69	MF	Rocco Vata				85*
31	GK	Andrew Lonergan					29	GK	Scott Bain				
43	GK	William "Billy" Crellin					21	MF	Yosuke Ideguchi				
49	MF	Sebastian Quirk					31	GK	Benjamin Siegrist				
64	DF	Reece Welch					57	DF	Stephen Welsh				
							35	MF	Scott Robertson				
							50	DF	Mohammed Bosun Lawal				
							25	DF	Alexandro Bernabei				
Team Coach		Frank Lampard					Team Coach		Angelos "Ange" Postecoglou				
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Jarred Gillett											
Assistant Referee 1		Darren Cann (England)											
Assistant Referee 2		Richard West (England)											

PENALTY SHOOT-OUT
Everton..4 v. Celtic..2

5	DF	Michael Keane	X				7	FW	Georgios Giakoumakis	missed			
47	FW	Thomas Cannon	X				41	MF	Reo Hatate	missed			
3	DF	Nathan Patterson	X				49	MF	James Forrest	X			
56	MF	Stanley Mills	missed				11	FW	Liel Abada	X			
10	FW	Anthony Gordon	X										

match report from foxsports

Celtic's dominance of English Premier League club Everton counted for nothing on Sunday as Ange Postecoglou's Scottish champions were beaten in a penalty shootout in a frustrating end to their Sydney Super Cup campaign.

Shock 2-1 losers last Thursday night to Sydney FC despite dominating possession and creating a host of chances, the Hoops were desperate for redemption against the Toffees in front of more than 41,000 fans.

However, despite having scored 50 times in just 15 Scottish Premiership games this season, Postecoglou's men again lacked a killer instinct in front of goal, wasting a host of opportunities against an Everton team that didn't have a shot on target during 90 minutes of football that finished 0-0.

Celtic's woes continued in a penalty shootout that took place at the completion of normal time, with no extra-time played.

High profile pair Georgios Giakoumakis and Reo Hatete both missed their spot kicks, with Everton – who sit just one place above the relegation zone on the Premier League ladder – winning the shootout 4-2.

"We dominated the game – we were just missing a goal," Postecoglou, who has been linked to the Everton job, said.

"It was much more like us in terms of our overall play and playing our football.

"It's disappointing there wasn't goals for our supporters, but in terms of our performance, I was happy."

Everton coach Frank Lampard said he was pleased with "elements" of his team's performance.

"We've got a bit of jet-lag in our bodies still ... we showed a lot of spirit," Lampard said.

"The support was great for both teams. We appreciate it very much that we're supported on the other side of the world."

Celtic dominated the early exchanges but it was Everton who had the first two chances of the match.
The first came in the eighth minute via a goal-bound Demarai Gray shot that was deflected wide for a corner.
Then three minutes later, French midfielder Neal Maupay butchered a great chance when he failed to hit the target with only goalkeeper Joe Hart to beat.
Celtic's first genuine chance came in the 29th minute with a free-kick from Portuguese star Jota that hit the crossbar.
The Hoops had another opportunity seven minutes later when Japanese midfielder Hatate delivered a well-placed pass to countryman Kyogo Furuhashi, whose shot was well saved by Everton goalkeeper Asmir Begovic.
The 35-year-old Bosnian gloveman - standing in for Everton's first-choice keeper Jordan Pickford, who is in Qatar on World Cup duty with England - again came to the Toffees' rescue in first-half stoppage when he parried a stinging David Turnbull free-kick away to safety.
Begovic again came up trumps five minutes after half-time when he denied Furuhashi from point-blank range with a fine save after the former Vissel Kobe marksman was found unmarked by Sead Haksabanovic.
The Hoops continued to dominate possession, with a great movement leading to an opening for Turnbull in the 77th minute.
However, a weak finish from the 23-year-old midfielder was comfortably dealt with by Begovic.
Celtic should have won the game in the 89th minute but substitute Liel Abada somehow failed to hit the target with an open goal beckoning after being presented the chance by Forrest.
The miss summed up Celtic's frustrating performances in the Sydney Super Cup, which concludes on Wednesday night when Everton meet Western Sydney Wanderers at CommBank Stadium.

Sydney Super Cup

Date & Time	Venue	Weather	Temperature	Attendance
23rd. November 2022, 19.45	CommBank Stadium, Parramatta, Sydney, New South Wales (Western Sydney Stadium)	Clear		

Western Sydney Wanderers..1 v. Everton FC (England)..5

half time, Western Sydney Wanderers..1 v. Everton FC..2

No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Yellow Card	Red Card	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	Daniel Margush					15	GK	Asmir Begović (c)				46
5	DF	Tomislav Mrčela				68	2	DF	James Tarkowski				46*
12	DF	Ruon Kuk Tongyik					4	DF	Mason Holgate				69
2	DF	Gabriel Cléùr		83			29	DF	Rúben Nascimento Vinagre				75
19	DF	Daniel Wilmering				72	3	DF	Nathan Patterson				
28	MF	Calem Nieuwenhof					16	MF	Abdoulaye Doucouré				75*
23	FW	Yeni N'Gbakoto				46	60	MF	Isaac Price		57		
11	FW	Sulejman Krpić				88	20	FW	Neal Maupay	14			64*
7	FW	Ramy Najjarine	17			78	11	FW	Demarai Gray				64
9	FW	Kusini Boja Yengi				63	10	FW	Anthony Gordon	30, 59, 90			
36	FW	Alessandro Lopane		55		72*	7	FW	Dwight McNeil				
SUBSTITUTES													
17	MF	Romain Clément Amalfitano				46	31	GK	Andrew Lonergan				46
26	FW	Brandon Borrello				63	5	DF	Michael Keane				46*
6	DF	Marcelo Guedes Filho				68	56	MF	Stanley Mills				64
3	DF	Adama Traoré				72	47	FW	Thomas Cannon	66			64*
37	FW	Alexander Badolato				72*	64	DF	Reece Welch				69
33	DF	Alexander Bonetig				78	54	DF	Joseph Anderson				75
35	MF	Zachary Sapsford				88	49	MF	Sebastian Quirk				75*
32	MF	Nathanael Blair					19	DF	Vitaliy Mykolenko				
20	GK	Lawrence Thomas					43	GK	William "Billy" Crellin				
30	GK	Jack Warshawsky											
40	GK	Lawrence Caruso											
31	MF	Aidan Simmons											

Team Coach	Marko Rudan	Team Coach	Frank Lampard
Team Manager		Team Manager	
Referee	Adam Kersey		
Assistant Referee 1	Darren Cann (England)		
Assistant Referee 2	Richard West (England)		

match report from wswanderersfc.com.au

A hat-trick to young gun Anthony Gordon has helped Everton FC defeat Western Sydney Wanderers 5-1 to end a successful trip to Australia for the Blues.

After defeating Celtic on penalties in last weekend's 0-0 draw, Everton overcame their well-documented scoring struggles in Wednesday night's game to close out the inaugural Sydney Super Cup at CommBank Stadium on a high.

Winger Gordon was a constant threat up front for the Toffees and it was his goal in the 30th minute that restored their advantage at the break.

When the 21-year-old scored his second against the run of play in the 59th minute, the Blues were home, eventually finishing with more goals than in any game since February 2021.

"When you get the opportunity to play in the opposition's half, you've got to work them and move them and create chances and we did that," Lampard said.

"We were clinical."

Everton were the more polished side early and had their reward in the 14th minute when an unmarked Nathan Patterson crossed from the right edge of the box and found Neal Maupay.

The Frenchman could have had his brace just a minute later but his shot from inside the box didn't bend quite enough to meet the back of the net, instead swiping the woodwork on the right.

Ramy Najjarine made his case for more minutes by helping the Wanderers to equalise with their first significant chance only three minutes later. He parlayed a slick 1-2 with Sulejman Krpic into a goal from straight in front.

The combination of Najjarine and Krpic nearly had the Wanderers in the lead when the former found the latter inside the box with a free kick. But Krpic's header was deflected and on the rebound, Tomislav Mrcela struck the crossbar as the Blues held on.

Western Sydney were made to rue their near-miss when Abdoulaye Doucoure linked up with Gordon at the other end just a minute later and pushed the Toffees ahead.

The reversal of fortune did not deflate the Wanderers, who came out of the sheds with renewed vigour and ready to probe the Everton defence.

But hopes of a comeback were dashed when Gordon pounced on a save made by back-up Wanderers goalkeeper Daniel Margush, who could not block the ball a second time.

"He's a big talent and an attacking threat," Lampard said of Gordon.

Margush could have been forgiven for Gordon's brace but he fumbled Stanley Mills' strike straight to fellow substitute Tom Cannon and the Blues confirmed a big win with the easiest of goals.

In the shadows of full-time, Gordon thundered one final goal home to heap more misery on the Wanderers, who conceded more goals on Wednesday night than in the first six games of the A-League season.

The Wanderers made six changes to the starting side that beat Sydney FC in their previous match, assistant Tomi Vidovic explaining the Everton clash was an important chance to give fringe players time on the pitch.

“The result is always important but it was a good opportunity for us to have a look at some guys who haven’t had a lot of minutes thus far,” he said.
“Obviously we’ll have a look at that and move forward going into the next match.”

match report from royalbluemersey.sbnation.com
Everton ran out comfortable 5-1 winners over hosts Western Sydney Wanderers to end their two-game Australian tour unbeaten after a win on penalties over Scottish side Celtic on Sunday.
The Blues got a hat-trick from forward Anthony Gordon along with scores from Neal Maupay and a first senior goal for youngster Tom Cannon as well. The Blues started in a 4-3-3 formation with Isaac Price once again playing a starring role in the middle with Frank Lampard opting for a mostly unchanged side from the weekend.
The Toffees got going early scoring in the fifth minute from a corner, with James Tarkowski heading the ball into Gordon’s path but the referee called for offside. Demarai Gray and then Abdoulaye Doucoure both went close before Maupay did score from a Nathan Patterson cross.
The Blues pushed forward for a second but against the run of play the hosts pulled one back through Ramy Najjarine just a couple of minutes later to make it 1-1. Dwight McNeil and Maupay missed chances before Wanderers came close to taking the lead, a shot going off the bar and then Tarkowski doing well to block the rebound with the goal gaping.
However, on the half hour mark the Blues led again, Gray playing in Doucoure on the left and his center deftly tapped in by Gordon arriving in the six-yard box.
A Gray cross just evaded both Maupay and Gordon as the Blues looked to add one more before the break, with the former pair missing two more chances as well. The Blues had gotten plenty of joy down the wings with Gray and Gordon, stretching the Aussies and their movement keeping them on their toes.
The second half started with a couple of changes, Michael Keane replacing Tarkowski and veteran Andy Lonergan making his Everton debut for Asmir Begovic. The hosts hit the woodwork minutes into the the second stanza, hitting the bar with a speculative volley from Romain Amalfitano.
Price was putting himself about in the middle and was booked for a heavy challenge before the Blues stretched their lead just before the hour mark. McNeil started a counter finding Gray streaking down the right, his ball back into the middle was hit by Gray, with the goalie parrying away the shot. However, Gordon was first to react to the rebound tucking home for his second of the game.
On the 64th minute Lampard made a couple of changes, sending on Under-21 stars Tom Cannon and Stan Mills, with Maupay and Gray coming off. And it was the youngsters who combined for the fourth of the game, with Mills’ tame shot spilled by the busy Daniel Margush and Cannon quickest to the ball to tap home.
Two minutes later Cannon almost got his second, his wicked shot swerving just over after being played through by Doucoure who had a good game as well in the attacking phase. A raft of more changes pretty much ended the contest after that, with Reece Welch, Sebastian Quirk and Joe Anderson all getting minutes.
Lampard had kept Gordon on to give him a shot at his treble, and right on the 90th minute the youngster delivered, cutting inside from the left and firing home at the far post.
All in all a good outing for the Blues against lower standard opposition as they wind down from a difficult first half of the season back home. Everton will now return home and go into a month-long hibernation of sorts as the World Cup ramps up. The Toffees are next in action on Boxing Day when they travel to Wolves when the Premier League resumes.